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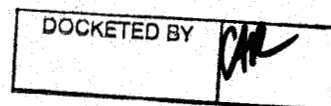
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN
ARIZONA CORPORATION, TO EXTEND ITS
EXISTING CERTIFICATES OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AT CASA
GRANDE AND COOLIDGE, PINAL COUNTY,
ARIZONA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
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A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
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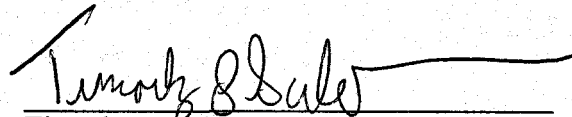
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**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ARIZONA
WATER COMPANY'S MOTION FOR
PRE-FILED TESTIMONY**

On January 24, 2005, Arizona Water Company filed a motion requesting that the Commission order pre-filed testimony in these consolidated cases. On the same day, the Commission, through its duly authorized Administrative Law Judge, issued its Fifth Procedural Order in these consolidated cases, requiring the filing of a Staff Report and responses thereto, rather than pre-filed testimony. The filing of a Staff Report (and responses to it) is the well-established procedure for certificate of convenience and necessity cases. Staff sees no reason to depart from this well-established procedure. Indeed, Arizona Water Company's request will only add complexity and difficulty to a case that is already complex and difficult. The purpose of pre-filed testimony is to apprise the parties, the public, the Administrative Law Judge and the Commissioners of the filing party's position on the issues. This same purpose can be achieved with a Staff Report and responses. Accordingly, Staff requests

1 that Arizona Water Company's motion be denied. In the event that Arizona Water Company's
2 motion is granted, Staff requests that each applicant be directed to file direct testimony prior to Staff
3 filing direct testimony. In cases where direct testimony is filed, the applicant is almost always
4 required to file direct testimony prior to Staff filing direct testimony.

5 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 27th day of January 2005.

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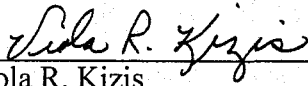
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